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## MORE WORK FOR SCIENTISTS.

Sawdust Deodorized and Water for the Elephant Must Be Filtered.

The old-timer drew his chair a little closer to the editor's desk. His eyes assumed a dreamy expression and he wrinkled his nose in a thoughtful way. "That's about right," he said; "we're all gettin' a little too fussy, I expect. Too many folders and frills. Things ain't what they used to be—plain an' simple an' unassum'n'. Why, say, just stop a minute an' look at the circus of to-day for a sort of example."

"Too many rings, eh?" suggested the editor. "Not alone rings," said the old-timer, "but too much of lots of other things. Maybe you don't know it, but they tell me every blamed big circus nowadays carries along its own special scientist. Fact, fellow out of some college, you know, with a lot of letters after his name."

"What sort of an act does he do?" inquired the editor.

"He don't do any act," said the old-timer, according to a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Leastways not any act that the public is aware of. He's just busy with his microscopes an' his chemicals outside in his little laboratory. They tell me that every ounce of sawdust that's used in the show now has to be deodorized. That's right. They're so plaguey afraid of the sawbug germ, you know. Of course all the red lemonade is sterilized, and the red in it is neutralized by evaporation under high pressure, or something. Then the air inside the big tent is changed three times during each performance by formaldehyde suction pumps, and the outside is showered mornin' an' evenin' with four parts of water to one of muriatic acid, or something. Every purchaser of a ticket buys it with the express understanding that he has been vaccinated recently, an' all the change the ticket sellers give back is fumigated with the mercury at 212. Yes, an' they say you never saw such care as there is taken with them animals! They've got so they all stick out their tongues to be antisepticated when the professor moves by—all 'cept the ant eater, an' he only runs his out by special request, 'cause there's so much of it. Of course there's an awful lot of water to filter, and them elephants have got so knowin' that they can tell the difference in a moment if the boys try to run in a cheap filter on 'em. An' the professor is kept pretty busy, too, huntin' up new diseases for the animals. Why, up in Skowhegan, I think it was, they tell me he hung a red card on the monkey's cage marked 'Appendicitis Within,' and then kept the monkeys in quarantine for two weeks. And over at Oshweboosh, if I ain't mistaken—"

"I guess that will be enough for the present," said the editor. "Anyway, I've got about as much as I can safely carry. Good-day."

The Common Impression. One of our best known K. C.'s is extremely vain of his personal appearance. Formerly he invariably took his walks abroad followed by his valet, who carried an elegant umbrella, it being his duty to unfurl and hand the latter to his master of the sun shone on his face.

One day when on the Brighton promenade the faithful servant was, as usual, dogging his steps.

On reaching home Mr. Z—, the K. C., asked his man whether he had heard any remarks passed about him.

"Begorra," said the Irish valet, "I heard remarks enough about you."

"And what were they?" asked Mr. Z—.

"I'd be loth to tell you, sir," replied the servant.

"I command you to tell me," said his master.

"Well, thin, sir," replied Pat, "when they saw me following you as I did they said that you are a lunatic an' that I'm your keeper."

There is no need to add that Mr. Z— went without his servant ever after, and the artful valet was saved much time daily.—London Tit-Bits.

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